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YOUNGSTOWN AIR RESERVE STATION, OHIO – Are you ready for an earth-shaking experience? The Air Force Reserve proudly presents the owner and operator of the Air Force Reserve Above and Beyond Jet Car. The car was formerly known as the Smoke-n-Thunder Jet Dragster. Mr. Scott Hammack is the owner.

Scott grew up in suburban Illinois and wanted to be a pilot. Instead, Scott turned his attention to cars and drag racing. After high school, he joined the Army and served two years, 10 months in Vietnam. He moved to Southern California after completing his tour and continued pursuing his dream of drag racing. Racing is expensive and after 25 years, he needed a vehicle that was fast and could be maintained economically. The initial cost of building a jet-powered racer would be offset by lower maintenance costs in the long run. Scott built the basic chassis for his jet car in 1979. Scott started performing at air shows. Many people did not understand what the jet car could do in conjunction with aerial display. More than 3,000 performances later, the first question asked is "Who are you going to race?"

From a dead standstill, the afterburner kicks in and shoots twenty-foot flames. 100, 200, 300, 400 miles per hour and pulling four and a half Gs, he races an aircraft that has challenged him to a race. To stop the jet car, Scott deploys a sixteen-foot parachute and instantly is pulling an amazing eleven Gs, stopping the jet car within two thousand feet. Scott has over 3,000 performances since 1986 and a 100 percent safety record.

The Air Force Reserve Jet Car will have two performances on Saturday and Sunday and will also be on display throughout the event.

In addition, a C-130H aircraft from the Air Force Reserve's 910th Airlift Wing here will be on static display during the Aero Expo 2003 Air Show at the Akron-Canton Airport beginning this afternoon through Sunday. The C-130 is one of 16 C-130 aircraft assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing and is assigned to the 773rd Airlift Squadron.

The 773rd Airlift Squadron is one of two flying squadrons assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing. The other is the 757th Airlift Squadron that is currently deployed to Ramstein AB, Germany in support of Operations Joint Forge and Iraqi Freedom.

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